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In re Application of:)
Nesper, et al.)
Application No.: 10/731,284)
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For: IMPLANT FOR FIXING ADJACENT BONE PLATES)

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REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

On December 9, 2003 Applicant filed the above-referenced patent application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action and respectfully requests the Patent and Trademark Office to advise the undersigned as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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